IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT Eastern District of Virginia Norfolk Division

In re: Tory Heath Hester
Etoy Antonnette Hester
Debtors

Case No. 15-72418-FJS Chapter 13

NOTICE OF MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

Counsel for the Debtors, Tory Heath Hester and Etoy Antonnette Hester, has filed a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel, asking that the Court permit the Boleman Law Firm, P.C., and its lawyers to withdraw as counsel of record in this case.

<u>Your rights may be affected.</u> You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one.

If you want to be heard on this matter, then no later than twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Notice, you must:

File with the court, at the address below, a written response pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(H).

Clerk of Court United States Bankruptcy Court 600 Granby Street, 4th Floor Norfolk, VA 23510

If you mail your response to the Court for filing, you must mail it to the address listed immediately above and early enough so that the Court will **receive** it within the time period stated above.

You must also send a copy to:

Boleman Law Firm, P.C. Convergence Center III 272 Bendix Road, Suite 330 Virginia Beach, VA 23452

If you or your attorney do not take these steps, the Court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought in the Motion and may enter an order granting that relief without further Notice or Hearing.

Dated: April 28, 2020 BOLEMAN LAW FIRM, P.C.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on April 28, 2020 I have transmitted a true copy of the foregoing document electronically through the Court's CM/ECF system or by mail to the Debtors, Chapter 13 trustee, the United States trustee if other than by the electronic means provided for at Local Bankruptcy Rule 2002-1, and to all creditors and parties in interest on the mailing matrix attached hereto.

/s/ Barry W. Spear Counsel for Debtors

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COMES NOW, Boleman Law Firm, P.C. ("Boleman"), and respectfully requests that the Court allow Boleman and each of its respective lawyers to withdraw as counsel of record for Tory Heath Hester and Etoy Antonnette Hester ("Debtors") based upon the following reasons:

- 1. The Debtors filed this case on July 15, 2015.
- Boleman agreed to represent Debtors in a case filed under Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to the engagement letter signed by the Debtors,
 Boleman limited its representation of the Debtors to a case filed under Chapter 13 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. On July 27, 2015, the Debtors filed their original Chapter 13 Plan and an Order Denying Confirmation was entered by the Court on September 21, 2015.
- 4. On September 22, 2015, the Debtors' filed an Amended Plan which was confirmed by the Court on November 9, 2015.
- 5. On August 14, 2019, the Debtors filed the Second Amended Chapter 13 Plan. The Trustee filed an Objection to Confirmation.
- 6. The Confirmation Hearing was reinstated on the docket by the Court and continued.

- 7. On January 24, 2020, the Court entered an Order to Show Cause as to Debtors. The hearing on the Order to Show Cause was set for February 7, 2020. At that hearing, counsel for the Debtors requested that this hearing be continued.
 - 8. The hearing on the Order to Show Cause was held on April 21, 2020.
- 9. The hearing was conducted telephonically with Debtors' Counsel and Mrs. Hester having appeared from the same location via CourtSolutions, Mr. Hester having appeared via CourtSolutions, and counsel for the Trustee having appeared via CourtSolutions.
- 10. Debtors' Counsel indicated that in his opinion and based upon recent conversations with the Debtors, a Motion to Withdraw was necessary and should be filed. The Court gave Debtors' Counsel until April 28, 2020 to file this Motion to Withdraw.
- 11. A major issue is whether the Debtors' case should be dismissed with prejudice due to the timeliness of certain disclosures under the Second Amended Plan
- 12. It appears to Debtors' Counsel that a significant issue will be what did Debtors' Counsel know and when did they know it. The possibility exists that determination of this question would place Debtors' Counsel in a position where the continued representation would violate Boleman's obligations under the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 13. Pursuant to Rule 3.7(a) of the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct, a lawyer shall not act as an advocate in an adversarial proceeding in which the lawyer is likely to be a necessary witness.
- 14. The good faith of the Debtors' disclosures of their income and expenses is a critical issue before the Court. Part of that inquiry is the extent of Debtors' Counsels'

knowledge of the increased income and expenses.

- 15. Under the circumstances, it appears extremely likely that Debtors' Counsels may be called as a witness in this proceeding.
- 16. Pursuant to Rule 1.16(a)(1) of the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct, lawyers shall withdraw from representing a client if the representation "will result in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct or other law."
- 17. Furthermore, pursuant to Rule 1.16(b)(6) of the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct, lawyers may withdraw from representation if "good cause for withdrawal exists."
- 18. It is further Debtors' Counsel understanding that under all the circumstances, the Debtors' wish to obtain new counsel.
- 19. Under all the circumstances of this case, Boleman Law Firm, P.C. is unable to represent the Debtors in a manner compliant with the requirements of this Court in this case, and the professional requirements set forth by the State Bar of Virginia.

WHEREFORE Boleman Law Firm, P.C., and its respective lawyers request that this Honorable Court enter an Order permitting the Boleman Law Firm, P.C., and its lawyers to withdraw as counsel of record and grant any further relief that the Court deems to be just and proper under the circumstances.

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